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For: Apparatus and Method for Optimizing Group Bulk Purchases

Enclosed are

14 pages of specification, including 13 claims, plus 3 sheets of *formal* drawings.

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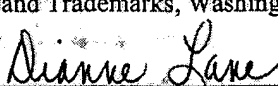
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